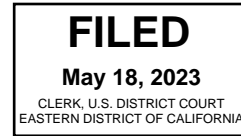


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES LANE WINSLETT,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-cr-0128 DJC

18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)(A) – Unlawful Manufacturing and Dealing in Firearms; 26 U.S.C. § 5861(a) – Engaging in Business as a Dealer in Firearms without Registering or Paying Tax; 18 U.S.C. § 922(d)(1) – Unlawful Sale of a Firearm to a Prohibited Person; 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d) – Possession of an Unregistered Firearm (36 counts); 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), 26 U.S.C. § 5872, 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and 49 U.S.C. § 80303 – Criminal Forfeiture

I N D I C T M E N T

COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)(A) – Unlawful Manufacturing and Dealing in Firearms Without a License]

The Grand Jury charges: T H A T

JAMES LANE WINSLETT,

defendant herein, beginning on a date uncertain, but no later than on or about January 27, 2018, and continuing through on or about October 28, 2021, in Tehama County, State and Eastern District of California, and elsewhere, did willfully engage in the business of manufacturing and dealing in firearms, not being a licensed manufacturer and dealer of firearms, as described in Title 18, United States Code, Section 923, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(1)(A).

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1 COUNT TWO: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(a) – Engaging in Business as an Importer of and Dealer in Firearms  
2 without Registration and Paying Taxes]

3 The Grand Jury further charges: THAT

4 JAMES LANE WINSLETT,

5 defendant herein, between on or about December 1, 2020, and on or about October 28, 2021, in Tehama  
6 County, State and Eastern District of California, and elsewhere, without having paid the special  
7 (occupational) tax required by Title 26, United States Code, Section 5801, and without having registered  
8 as required by Title 26, United States Code, Section 5802, knowingly engaged in business as an  
9 importer of and dealer in firearms, all in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(a).

10 COUNT THREE: [18 U.S.C. § 922(d)(1) – Unlawful Sale of a Firearm to a Prohibited Person]

11 The Grand Jury further charges: THAT

12 JAMES LANE WINSLETT,

13 defendant herein, on or about June 2, 2020, in Tehama County, State and Eastern District of California,  
14 did knowingly sell a firearm to a person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such person  
15 had been convicted in a court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year,  
16 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(d)(1).

17 COUNTS FOUR THROUGH THIRTY-NINE: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(d) – Possession of an Unregistered  
18 Firearm]

19 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

20 JAMES LANE WINSLETT,

21 defendant herein, on or about October 28, 2021, in Tehama County, State and Eastern District of  
22 California, did knowingly possess a firearm, as defined in Title 26, United States Code, Sections  
23 5845(a)(7), that was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as  
24 identified more fully below:

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Count	Item	Serial Number	ATF Item Number
4	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	5
5	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	6
6	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	7
7	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	8
8	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	9
9	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	10
10	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	11
11	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	12
12	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	13
13	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	14
14	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	15
15	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	16
16	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	17
17	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	18
18	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	19
19	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	20
20	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	21
21	Black silencer, located in tub in garage	None	21
22	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	23
23	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	24
24	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	24
25	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	25
26	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	25

24	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	26
25	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	27
26	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	28
27	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	29
28	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	30
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33	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	35
34	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	36
35	Stainless steel silencer, located in USPS bag in garage	None	37
36	Black silencer, located in bedroom	None	39
37	Black silencer, located in bedroom	None	40
38	Silencer and silencer parts located in garage cupboard	None	41
39	Black silencer, located in bedroom	None	68

all in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d).

1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: [18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), 26 U.S.C. § 5872, 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and 49  
2 U.S.C. § 80303 – Criminal Forfeiture]

3 1. Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts One and Three of this  
4 Indictment, defendant JAMES LANE WINSLETT shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18,  
5 United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearms  
6 and ammunition involved in or used in the knowing or willful commission of the offenses.

7 2. Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts Two and Four through  
8 Thirty-Nine of this Indictment, defendant JAMES LANE WINSLETT shall forfeit to the United States  
9 pursuant to Title 26, United States Code, Section 5872, Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c),  
10 and Title 49, United States Code, Section 80303, any firearms involved in the commission of the  
11 offenses; any property used, or intended to be used in the commission of the offenses; and any aircraft,  
12 vehicle, or vessel involved in the commission of the offenses.

13 3. If any property subject to forfeiture, as a result of the offenses alleged in Counts One  
14 through Thirty-Nine of this Indictment, for which defendant is convicted:

- 15 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- 16 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- 17 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- 18 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- 19 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without  
20 difficulty;

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1 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), as  
2 incorporated by Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of  
3 defendant, up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.  
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5 A TRUE BILL.

6 **/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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8 PHILLIP A. TALBERT  
9 United States Attorney

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FOREPERSON

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**I N D I C T M E N T**

**VIOLATION(S):** 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)(A) – Unlawful Manufacturing and Dealing in Firearms;  
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and 49 U.S.C. § 80303 - Criminal Forfeiture

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*A true bill,*

**/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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*Foreman.*

*Filed in open court this* 18th *day*

*of* May, A.D. 20 23

**/s/ Shelly Her**

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*Clerk.*

*Bail, \$* No bail bench warrant.

March 18, 2023

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**DEBORAH BARNES**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

2:23-cr-0128 DJC

**United States v. James Lane WINSLETT**  
**Penalties for Indictment**

**COUNT 1:**

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)(A) – Unlawful Manufacturing and Dealing in Firearms

PENALTIES: Imprisonment of up to 5 years; or  
Fine of up to \$250,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of up to 3 years

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 2:**

VIOLATION: 26 U.S.C. § 5861(a) – Engaging in Business as a Dealer in Firearms without Registering or Paying Tax

PENALTIES: Imprisonment of up to 10 years; or  
Fine of up to \$250,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of up to 3 years

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 3:**

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)(A) – Unlawful Sale of a Firearm to a Prohibited Person

PENALTIES: Imprisonment of up to 10 years; or  
Fine of up to \$250,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of up to 3 years

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNTS 4-39:**

VIOLATION: 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d) - Possession of an unregistered firearm

PENALTIES: Maximum of 10 years in prison,



Fine of up to \$250,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Up to a three-year term of supervised release

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION:**

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), 26 U.S.C. § 5872, 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and 49  
U.S.C. § 80303 – Criminal Forfeiture

PENALTIES: As stated in the charging document